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1. Overview

The intent of this Release Summary Document is to communicate information on the release timing and content to the Health Information Handlers (HIH) and Review Contractors (RC) early in the release development cycle for the July 2020 Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) Release (AR2020.07).

- **Section 2: Release Approach**: This section provides a high-level perspective of the esMD system functionality being developed and implemented in Production in the July 2020 esMD Release,
- **Section 3: Release Schedule:** This section details the major events and dates that will occur during this release to ensure the HIHs and RCs are prepared to participate in this release. This section also contains a future release notice regarding preparations that may be required, and
- **Section 4: High Level impact of the CRs to be implemented in July 2020:** This section details the impacts to HIHs and RCs of the CRs being implemented in the July 2020 Release.

2. Release Approach

The July 2020 esMD release consists of application changes related to the following:

1. Implement and Test Document Codes File (DCF) functionality for 'Pre and Post-Pay'.

2. The esMD application shall augment the time tolerance by 5 to 6 business days to receive/process the associated PDF copy of the Letter for Pre-Pay eMDR transactions from Review Contractors (RCs).

3. To adjust the current verbiage to categorize the transaction statuses appropriately, for the eMDR transactions and reflect these changes in MicroStrategy reports.

4. Changes in esMD to start accepting Hospital Outpatient Department (HOPD) Services based Prior Authorization (PA) initiative, in External Data Representation (XDR) format.

5. Remove references to legacy Transaction ID in the MicroStrategy reports

6. Implement the solution to receive/send the DCF, from esMD, to Data Centers and RCs

3. Release Approach

Important Dates for the July 2020 Release are identified in Table 1.

Table 1: Important Dates for the July 2020 Release

Event	Date
1. Release Summary Document for the July2020 Release delivered to HIHs and RCs	3/10/2020
2. Preliminary HIH and RC Technical Release Changes documents for July 2020 implementation delivered	3/20/2020
3. Technical calls with the Review Contractors to review July 2020 release changes	4/8/2020 & 4/29/2020
4. Final HIH and RC Technical Release Changes document for July 2020 release delivered to RCs	4/10/2020
5. RC Client Application Programming Interface (API) (Java and .NET) software for July 2020 release delivered to RCs (if any updates are required)	4/20/2020
6. RC Implementation Guide (Java and .NET) for July 2020 release delivered to RCs	4/20/2020
7. HIH Implementation Guide for July 2020 release delivered to HIHs	4/20/2020
8. X12 275 Companion Guide for July 2020 release	N/A
9. X12 278 Companion Guide for July 2020 release	N/A
10. July 2020 UAT Begins/Ends	6/2/2020 – 6/19/2020
11. July 2020 Release Go Live	7/6/2020

4. High-Level impacts of the CRs to be implemented in July2020

The esMD July2020 Release Summary is identified in Table 2.

Table 2: esMD July2020 Release Summary

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
CHG0031436	Implement the solution to adopt the Document Codes in the Pre-Pay related ADRs, to be sent electronically as eMDRs to HIH/Provider, via esMD.	Implementation	RCs will be provided with the Document Codes list, on a continuous/periodic basis, to allow them to map the Codes, to assign/populate to the associated business situations of the ADRs.	The Provider community shall start consuming the essentials of the ADR letter information.
CHG0031434	Implement the solution to adopt the Document Codes in the Post-Pay related ADRs, to be sent electronically as eMDRs to HIH/Provider, via esMD.	Implementation	RCs will be provided with the Document Codes list, on a continuous/periodic basis, to allow them to map the Codes, to assign/populate to the associated business situations of the ADRs.	The Provider community shall start consuming the essentials of the ADR letter information.
CR31578	To make necessary changes to rectify the production problems identified in MicroStrategy Reports	Implementation	Transaction status on the Reconciliation reports will be modified to distinguish "Delivery Failures", "Invalid" and "Complete" category.	Transaction status on the Reconciliation reports will be modified to distinguish "Delivery Failures", "Invalid" and "Complete" category.
CR31640	To adjust the current consideration to build the time tolerance, to accommodate processing of the copy of the letter PDF received by esMD, for Pre-Pay eMDR	Implementation	RCs have up to five business days to send the PDF copy of the letter for the associated Pre-Pay eMDR Flat file.	HIHs would receive the eMDR package from esMD based on when the PDF copy of the letter is submitted by RC.

Number	Title	Sub-Type	RC Impact	HIH Impact
CR31635	To adjust the current considerations to categorize the transaction status appropriately, for the eMDR transactions	Implementation	The eMDR transaction status will be termed as Complete, only when esMD receives the Provider Delivery Confirmation from the HIHs	The eMDR transaction status will be termed as Complete, only when esMD receives the Provider Delivery Confirmation from the HIHs
CR31654	Changes in esMD to start accepting HOPD Services based PA initiative, in XDR format	Implementation	Review Contractor shall receive HOPD PA program in XDR format with Content Type code 8.5.	HIH would start sending HOPD PA program using multiple services in XDR format with Content Type Code 8.5.
CR31659	Remove references to legacy Transaction ID in the MicroStrategy reports	Implementation	Legacy transaction ID column will be removed from the Reconciliation reports	Legacy transaction ID column will be removed from the Reconciliation reports
CR31459	Implement the solution to receive/send the Document Codes File, from esMD, to Data Centers and RCs	Implementation	RCs shall receive Document Code flat file from esMD.	N/A